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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Dean Van Phan : Group Art Unit: 1771  
Serial No. 09/100,624 : Examiner: Pratt  
Filed: June 19, 1998 :  
For: An Apparatus for Making Structured Paper :P&G Case No.: 7187

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED March 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action referenced above, applicant hereby respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 10, and 19.

Claim 5 (Amended) The papermaking belt of Claim [4] 1, wherein said [hydraulic connection is provided by] batting of the second lamina [extending] extends through the reinforcing structure of the first lamina.

Claim 11 (Amended) The papermaking belt of Claim [10] 9, wherein said [hydraulic connection is provided by said] batting of said second lamina is needled between said first lamina and said second lamina.

Claim 20 (Amended) The papermaking belt of Claim [19] 16, wherein said [hydraulic connection is provided by said] batting of said second lamina is needled between said first lamina and said second lamina.